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The Red Gestae

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Columnist Critiques Legal Profession

by Clinton Elliot

David Margolick, a reporter and legal columnist for the *New York Times*, was at the Law School Monday to deliver a lecture called "How The Press Covers The Law."

In the course of his remarks, Margolick said that press coverage of legal events and the personalities shaping the legal profession in New York has traditionally been very narrow. For instance, he noted that the *Times* had, until quite recently, confined its coverage of legal issues to important Supreme Court and Second Circuit cases and an occasional New York Court of Appeals case. "The legal profession went conspicuously uncovered."

However, as the legal profession has taken on an increasingly high profile in both the media and entertainment industries, newspapers in general and the *Times* in particular have become aware of the fact that "lawyers like being in the press. They like seeing their names in print." Margolick's weekly column, *At The Bar*, which started about two and one-half years ago and appears on Fridays, was largely an attempt to fill a void in the coverage of legal issues and to highlight the distinctive culture of the legal profession.

Conceding that no one had defined what the column should be or the direction of its editorial content, Margolick said he approached the new assignment "like a cartographer looking at the back side of the moon." By focusing on the culture of law firms and legal institutions, Margolick

explained, he wanted to create a column that is an "on-going chronicle" of the legal profession.

Among the topics he has considered are law firm partnership practices, personnel moves, the proliferation of counseling and professional support options, law firm marketing techniques, and the personal difficulties of attorneys affected by many of the above issues.

For example, Margolick mentioned that many "800" hotlines used by attorneys who choose to advertise reflect an unsavory aspect of the profession. Among the more memorable are 1-800-GET-EVEN and 1-800-GET-CASH. He also noted that some of these hotlines become vehicles to provide advice, even when the circumstances are quite bizzare.

"One caller said that she had just been killed in an accident," said Margolick. "[The person on the phone asked her], 'When did you realize that you were dead?,' and then told her 'Your problem is a bit beyond the scope of our practice.'"

More seriously, Margolick indicated that working for an institution such as the *New York Times* has given him a certain amount of influence in the legal community, but that this influence is tempered by the fact that each story is only as good as yesterday's newspaper.

"What we write is very perishable. It is a very humbling experience to know just how perishable this stuff really is. People only remember the painful stuff," said



David Margolick speaks with Dean Lee Bollinger.

By Monica Baum

Margolick, adding that most of his columns do not provoke a response unless there is a factual inaccuracy or misguided metaphor.

During a question and answer session following his presentation, Margolick responded to a question suggesting that his work is shallow and peripheral to the most contentious issues besetting the legal profession.

Margolick said that a reporter, especially one working for the *New York Times*, loses credibility if he "shouts" about important issues. His own approach is to use a skeptical or irreverent tone to convey the underlying message.

Moreover, as a graduate of Stanford Law School, Margolick said having a law degree has given him the confidence and credibility to discuss and analyze important legal issues. "Lawyers don't feel as if they can patronize you. It is also easier to read the [legal] literature."

"I am not as angry as I was when I came out [of law school]," said Margolick. "My classmates are all partners. I have more of a sense of the human cost and write more sympathetically," he added. "I would suffocate in that environment. I am more like a fly on the wall."

Law Students To Produce Television Talk Show

by Steve Chalk

During a commercial break from a Detroit Pistons broadcast, some viewers might opt for a snack. While watching a game in December, third-year law students Tom Howlett and Andy Doctoroff decided to get on the other side of the screen.

By flipping channels through the range of cable offerings, Howlett said, "you see the quality of what's on...[and] you see that anybody can do that type of programming." Although "anybody" might be capable, Howlett and Doctoroff's decision to produce their own television talk show - *Making News*, which premieres Sunday at 10:35 p.m. on Channel 9 - was not entirely spontaneous.

"Both of us were reporters before coming to law school," Doctoroff noted. Once in Ann Arbor, the two played their experience writing for daily newspapers in Los Angeles, Dallas and Detroit into numerous friendly debates about media coverage and ethics. Observing the offerings of local cable sta-

tions, Doctoroff said, they noticed a "vacuum - a lot of resources not being used."

Those resources, according to Howlett, included air time on several local cable stations - including Channel 9 - "set aside specifically for people in the area to do programming." As a result, the two students approached Ann Arbor Community Access about the possibility of televising a discussion on media issues of public interest.

The preparation required for such a project, however, "took us a bit by surprise," Howlett said. He mentioned having taken three workshops, negotiated numerous contracts, and arranged many other details before the duo could proceed with their production. At that point, though, they found a ready supporting cast.

"We are heavily relying on volunteers...to run the cameras" and handle the audio, graphics, set design, and other technical jobs, Howlett said.

Most of the volunteers, he noted, are fellow participants from the workshops he and Doctoroff attended. Many of the others had less ambitious plans for their new training, and were willing to assist with the technical aspects, as "we sort of had the creative end worked out from the beginning," Howlett said.

Even handling a television camera is quite an experience, Doctoroff said. "You really get the feel for producing a TV show here."

Doctoroff and Howlett recruited third-year Tom Jorgenson to compose, arrange and record the theme music for *Making News*. On the set, they said, the music plays against a backdrop of 5 newspaper dispensers, an old typewriter, scattered copies of newspaper, and other assorted media paraphernalia.

The first guest on this "cross between *Cross-Fire* and *Bob Costas*," Howlett said, is Ed Wendover, a plaintiff in the lawsuit that sought to prevent the current joint

operating agreement between the *Detroit News* and the *Detroit Free Press*. Although most of each segment is dedicated to a discussion with the guest, Doctoroff said, the duo holds a two minute editorial session at the conclusion of the show.

Finding guests has been one of the easier aspects of the production, Howlett said. "We're basically approaching people who are willing to talk. Fortunately, journalists are pretty receptive to this type of thing."

"Don't forget that [about] 200,000 people have access to this programming," Doctoroff added. "I think that also has some allure."

Tentatively, at least three new shows will air in the following months, and Channel 9 will repeat the telecast of Sunday's showing next Monday at 1:35 p.m.; Tuesday at 10:05 p.m.; Thursday at 7:35 p.m.; and Friday at 2:35 p.m.

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Rethink LSSS

By last Wednesday's deadline, four law students had filed petitions for three of the nine offices being decided in today's LSSS elections. Even by student government standards, this level of interest is ridiculous.

One contributing factor to this apathy may be the timing of the election. By this time of year, first years have lost their enthusiasm for participation. Second years seem to lose it somewhat earlier in the year — September 25th. Elections held first thing in the fall may generate more interest.

However, the primary cause of the apathy is to be found in the organization itself: LSSS this year was completely invisible. While the senate's work has traditionally been what is usually described as "behind the scenes," this year a better description might be "off the map." The senate has been so unnoticeable that there wasn't even a special interest group interested in seizing power. The only time LSSS seemed to have an effect on students' lives was at registration when we stood in line at the LS&A Building to pay the LSSS Activities Fee.

Most of LSSS's work and actual decision making is done by appointed committees — the Sports Committee, the Speakers Committee, the Computer Committee, the Social Committee. The chief role of the senate itself seems to be distributing funds to the committees and other student organizations, and to waste the time of senate members.

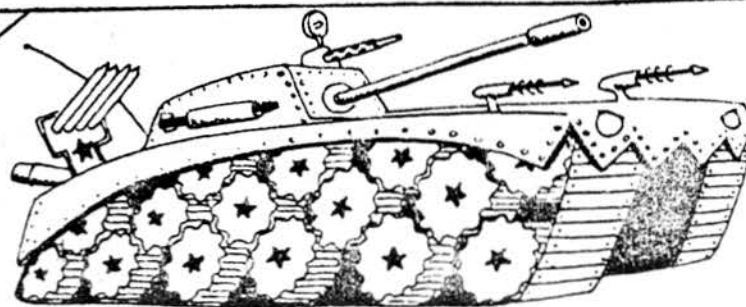
We do not mean to ridicule those who have participated in LSSS. They have made an effort to make this law school a better place, and they should be congratulated for their willingness to do so.

But it is clear that their effort is either unnecessary or unappreciated. Only thorough analysis will reveal which is the case.

Regardless of what we write, today's election will be held. But those elected today should immediately begin the task of looking at whether LSSS continues to be a viable organization. Perhaps the work farmed off to the various committees needs to be done by the senate itself. Perhaps the functions of the senate could be entirely replaced by committees. Or perhaps the students of this law school have simply outgrown the need to play government.

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Dissenting Opinion

Changes in Economic Debate

By Ted Bolema

The effects of wealth on the moral character of individuals and societies is one of those subjects on which almost everyone has a strong opinion. At the extremes, wealth can be characterized as a corrupting influence and also as a measure of a person's contribution to society or to the worthiness of the society as a whole.

It appears to me that there are two broadly defined viewpoints on wealth. In one camp are those suspicious of market-oriented economies, including many liberals and some traditional conservatives. In the other camp are the cheerleaders for market economies. The sources of disagreements between these factions are familiar. Many of those suspicious of market economies are accused of advocating distribution without regard to wealth creation, relying on moral bullying rather than economic facts, and advocating government solutions (spending other people's money) rather than individual incentives. The other side is accused of short-sightedness, insensitivity to the needs of the poor and putting profits before human dignity. The debates on these issues can be very bitter and can suggest that they are incapable of resolving differences on the nature of wealth.

However, there was a conference a few weeks ago in England in which a large group of economists, theologians, business leaders, moral philosophers, and members of economic development agencies from all parts of the world produced a document which shows that it may be possible to change the terms of these economic debates. This eighteen-page document is called "The Oxford Declaration on Christian Faith and Economics," and it is divided into four sections on creation of wealth, work and leisure, poverty and justice, and freedom and government in the economy. Other such declarations have been produced by religious denominations (most notably the U.S. Catholic bishops a few years ago) and nonreligious groups (such as political parties in their platforms, economic development organizations, and advocacy groups). However, these previous statements were all produced as rebuttals of the thinking of those the authors perceived as opponents. What is unique about the Oxford Declaration is that it is an attempt to capture and clarify differing viewpoints and to show that perhaps there is a developing consensus on many of these divisive economic issues.

The timing of this conference and document could hardly be better. Some of the comments coming out of Eastern Europe indicate both a desire for adopting wealth-generating market economies and fear of the corrupting influences that may come with the adoption of such economic models. While encouraged by the rapid changes in Eastern Europe and Central America, the Oxford par-

ticipants recognized that the western world faces an unusual opportunity to provide guidance as these transformed economies look for role models.

The conference was organized by a group of mostly left-leaning theologians who had been known for extreme views, some of whom had previously gone so far as to equate economic justice with equal distribution of wealth both within and across international borders. To their credit, this group invited a wide range of participants likely to disagree with them.

There were three main types of statements in the document. First, there were some highly idealistic statements. The authors called the market system an effective means for economic growth, but warned that it can lead people to think that ultimate meaning is found in the accumulation of goods. (This statement also applies well to going to law school.) They also stated that communities have an obligation to provide employment opportunities to all of their members, and they opposed technological development that is not directed toward moral purposes. Although it is difficult to argue with any of these statements, it is also difficult to see what guidance they are supposed to give the reader.

Next, there were several very specific statements. They called upon governments to create and enforce a framework of incentives and penalties to encourage individuals and corporations to engage in sound ecological practices. While they fall short of calling for using economic methods to evaluate these government-created incentives, they clearly recognize that individuals respond to such incentives. The authors praise efforts by firms to encourage worker involvement in decision making as creating significant opportunities for individual development. The authors also criticize banking institutions for historically rewarding those who have accumulated monetary wealth and for not recognizing that good entrepreneurs can also be good credit risks. Evidently, they would approve of venture capital funds. Finally, unlike the Catholic bishops, these authors never advocate a major redistribution of wealth from wealthy countries to poorer countries, although they do encourage international efforts to reduce poverty.

I was intrigued most by the third group of statements, in which the authors mixed traditional economic concepts with concepts of justice. They called inflation unjust because it defrauds the citizens and creditors of the society and shows poor stewardship on the part of the government. The authors refused to find any particular economic system prescribed by religious documents, but cited the experience of recent history as justifying disperse private ownership of the means of production. Thus, they

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Conference Discusses Market Economics Issues

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managed to come down squarely in favor of market economies based upon experience and empirical evidence and without calling market economics more Christian or less Christian than the alternatives. Furthermore, the authors condemned monopoly ownership of the means of production, whether it be by individuals, large economic institutions, or by governments.

Although at first glance, this document appears to be of interest only to a narrow audience of theologians playing economist and economists playing theologian (which actually is a pretty big group), I think that it should be of interest to a much wider audience. First, it can focus our attention upon the opportunities available to the developed world in guiding the development of the new democ-

racies. As people in Eastern Europe and developing economies are attracted to our sort of economy and political system, it is useful to think carefully about what is most praiseworthy in our economy. Integrating arguments for democratic capitalism with concepts of morality and justice make them more persuasive than arguing for economic efficiency alone. Second, this document shows that it is possible to bridge the gaps between the differing factions in many of the most bitter economic debates. According to one of the organizers, the most liberal of the theologians affirmed free-market economic approaches, while even the most market-oriented economists saw the need for a special focus on justice for the poor. Finally, although I found that much of the analysis in this document showed innovative thinking, I suspect that the

common ground they found is mostly a reflection of an emerging consensus on economic issues in other arenas. Many of these debates have been going on for decades, and as we gain more experience with government and market attempts to address economic problems, we can find more common ground between what each side has to offer. If the differing factions who produced this document can find so much common ground, then perhaps a similar consensus can be achieved in broader political arenas.

After spending the last two years in an environment that seems to stress conflict over conciliation, I find the approach of these authors very encouraging. Hopefully long after the Oxford document is forgotten, the ideas it reflects will make a lasting impact in broader political arenas.

LSSS Candidate Views

The Law School Student Senate holds elections today. *The Res Gestae* presented questionnaires to those students filing petitions for LSSS offices. Three of the four candidates responded. Their responses to the following questions are printed below:

1. Were you satisfied with the role L.S.S.S. played this year? Why or why not?

2. Are you satisfied with how L.S.S.S. allocated funds to law school student organizations this year? Explain what you liked, or what you would like to change.

3. What skills, knowledge or experience would you bring to L.S.S.S. that you think would be important to the job you would do?

4. What relationship do you think L.S.S.S. should have with the administration and faculty of the law school? What would you do to make it happen?

5. Please identify what you consider to be the most critical issue the law school will face in the next year, and what L.S.S.S. should do to address the issue.

6. What would you change (assuming you had the power) about law school?

Michael Lawrence, 2L, for President:

1. A qualified yes. I believe the Senate handled all of its administrative duties. We did a good job of allocating the approximately \$30,000 among numerous basement groups. In addition, we coordinated the formation of the committees.

2. In retrospect, I believe this year's Senate did a fine job. We do the best job we can based on the amount of funds a particular group used the previous year as well as other considerations. The Senate rarely, to the best of my knowledge, gets complaints from groups about the amount of they received by the end of the year. There will always be complaints from ambitious groups, who find that their budget requests are not met completely. To anyone who doubts the truth of this, I'd just say that there are unused funds sitting in the Speaker's Committee coffers which we told unsatisfied groups to request if the need arose. It's near April and none of these groups have shown up.

3. I'm bringing my two years of Senate experience to the job of President. Not only was I my section's first-year rep., but this year I served as Vice-President, which enabled me to serve on the Executive Board—which is where the real budget work is done and major decisions are made.

4. Senate members, including but not necessarily limited to the President, should meet with the deans and faculty in order to keep them reasonably attuned to the views and opinions of an ever-changing student body.

5. There are lots of issues that will come up over the next year. I think the most important will be the general apathy that pervades the law school, which is made up of some of the brightest, most dynamic, intelligent individuals in the county.

6. I would get law school students to make time in their schedules to join the Senate or a committee and to

bring them ideas and suggestions forward. More input and participation would spell increased representation and better implementation of programs.

Jeffrey T. Amann, 1L, Vice President

1. I was proud to be part of the LSSS this year, but like many other things, I feel the Senate could be better. I would like to see the Senate take a proactive rather than a reactive role in Law School affairs in the future. The Senate is in a unique position to affect the style and quality of student life at the Law School. Unfortunately, because of the academic burdens and responsibilities we all have, it is all too easy to become indifferent and unconcerned with what's happening in the Law School. Life here may be demanding, but it doesn't have to be a chore. The Senate can work to make Michigan a better place to go to law school.

2. Since we first year representatives do not join the Senate until after the budget allocation is complete, I am not in a good position to comment on the allocation process. I do know, however, that during the year we received very few complaints from organizations regarding their allocation, and I feel the Senate did all it could to accommodate valid budget alteration requests. I can only infer from my observations that the old Senate did an excellent job.

3. As I mentioned in my other statement, the Vice President's main responsibility is to assist the President by helping to coordinate certain activities of the various LSSS committees and other student groups. To competently discharge this duty, the Vice President should be an effective organizer and communicator. I have had many opportunities to hone these skills. After graduation from college, I worked as a project manager for General Motors in Detroit, where I was responsible for running a \$17 million automotive design program. Although GM may be failing, my project was a success (it even came in under budget). The LSSS deals with substantially different subject matter, but the skills necessary for excellence are the same. Furthermore, my active role in the Senate as a first-year representative has helped me become familiar with the organization and operations of the LSSS and its committees. This experience would also be very beneficial in my role as Vice President.

4. A law school could not exist without the cooperative interaction of three groups: the administration, the faculty, and the students (represented by the LSSS). We students need the other two groups to provide for us an education, and they need us to be satisfied with that education to insure the continuing success of the law school. I do not view the administration as an enemy to be reckoned with, but more like a partner to be bargained with. I feel that the hard part is identifying what it takes for us students to be satisfied with our experience at Michigan. The easy part is bringing proposed improvements to the administration and faculty. I feel that

administrations and faculties in general are more than happy to try to satisfy their students.

I will work to insure that the critical exchange takes place. I will see that the Senate takes on the responsibility of continually monitoring the status of student life. I will encourage more students to voice their concerns to Senate members. Furthermore, I will encourage the Senate to take an active role in identifying and suggesting any potential improvements.

5. In a word—attitude. I think there is too much apathy among our student body toward the law school and toward each other. The administration is concerned about it, and we should be too. It doesn't do anyone any good. We didn't even get enough candidates for this election to fill the ballot. The social committee is reluctant to have events because they are terribly undermanned. Some feel that this school has been resting on its laurels, and if we don't do something to improve, we may continue to slip. I would like to find ways to get students more excited about organizations and activities among the law school. Again, I think it is all a matter of taking the effort to figure out what students want, and trying to give it to them. That's what the Senate is for—voicing student concerns about law school to the proper persons, to insure that those interests are adequately served.

6. Basically, I would like to change the fact that not very many students really like law school. In some respects, I'm one of them. Some characteristics of law school are inevitably frustrating—the amount of work, the sense of competition for grades and jobs, and the mysteriously salty/cheesy law club meals. But I feel the experience can be digested in a manner that isn't so dreadfully stale. First, why should we have so much work forced on us as first years, while the two years to follow are a bore? I would like to see some of the pressure of the first year abated, either through the implementation of a pass/fail system such as Yale's, or by reallocation of some of the coursework to second or third year. That way, first years could lighten up a little, and upperclassmen could stay awake. I know I may be dreaming, but with a little work, maybe someday there will be positive change.

Fred Dawkins, 1L, Vice President

1. I felt that the LSSS should have been more accessible, visible to the students—not as distant.

2. Given the volume of requests for funds, and the importance assigned these requests by the student the organizations, the allocations were as responsive as possible.

3. I feel that my fellow students feel comfortable approaching me, and confident that I'll work to help fulfill those needs. During the past year, I've learned which channels are most useful in pursuing student concerns.

4. The LSSS should act as the mouthpiece of the students. The LSSS should identify, enunciate and aggressively pursue the students' needs.

5. No response.

6. I'd try to make it easier for students to interest with the LSSS so that the LSSS could act in a more informed and effective fashion.

Classifieds

Announcements or personal notes may be turned in to Lisa Salvia's pendaflex (3L) by noon Monday for publication the following Wednesday. Recognized student organizations in good standing with the RG may place announcements of upcoming events or meetings free of charge. Individuals may place personal notes for 50¢ for the first 25 words, and 25¢ for each additional 10 words. Remittance must be submitted with your ad.

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Women and the Law needs GSTA's. Covers topics in American constitutional and statutory law that have special effect on women. Emphasizes the fourteenth amendment, particularly its equal protection clause. Topics include: family law, rape, spouse assault, employment discrimination, affirmative action.

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Summer Jobs in the Law Library for the U of M Law or library students: faculty research/document delivery service or front desk. Apply in the Law Library, Rm S-180, 8-12 and 1-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Any talent at all? "Law Revue" will be held on Fri., April 28 in the Lawyers Club. Contact Mike Flanagan, Sue Luther, or Neil Millens if you want to audition.

The Volunteer Student Tutoring Association (VSTA) is being formed to provide tutoring to local residents who need extra help with basic learning skills. VSTA will work in cooperation with the Tutoring Services Program of the Ann Arbor Community Center, which focuses on middle-school children with deficient reading, writing and math skills. We may be able to conduct these tutorial sessions here at the law school. We need your input in organizing VSTA. If you are interested in tutoring this spring or next fall, please contact Liz Schuler by pendaflex.

CLS Film Series: The Christian Law

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Students will present the film "Repentance", Soviet director Tenghiz Abuladze's surrealist expose' of the brutal repressiveness and moral bankruptcy of the Stalin era, on Thur., March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 951 LR (take the elevator to the 9th floor LR, then two immediate rights to Rm 951). 1987 Cannes Special Jury Prize winner. (Russian; English subtitles.)

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April 16, 1990. Students need to apply directly to and get acceptance by the externship agencies in which they are interested. If you have questions about externships, please see Virginia Gordan (303 HH during her office hours 9:45-12) Monday through Friday.

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Murder

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Lightning flashed in the darkness. Moments later, a peal of thunder rolled through the night. I was in the RG office, hiding in the kitchen. The time was a few minutes till midnight. I was waiting for a murder.

As I waited, there was a sudden flash from the bathroom. I ducked down behind the filing cabinet and watched, for I knew that the flash hadn't been lightning.

The bathroom door opened slowly. A figure emerged and looked around the room. Not seeing me, it stood by the door, waiting for its prey.

I decided I would wait out this killer and spring at the right moment. I smiled at my own cleverness. I was three feet away from the killer and he didn't even know it.

Then, I sneezed.

"Who is it?" asked a familiar voice. The killer of Paul Czarnota stepped forward into the light from the window. I was prepared for the shock but experienced it nonetheless. It was . . .

Me.

I smiled at myself and gave a small laugh.

"So, you tracked me down, flatfoot," I said.

"Of course, and that's my line," I answered.

"Why are you here?" I asked.

"I must stop you from committing this heinous crime," I responded. "And I really don't appreciate almost being killed by myself. My head still hurts." My double looked thoughtful for a moment.

"Look, you have no memory of killing Czarnota, right? Well, that's because I'm from *your* future. I already tried to stop me. But later, I decided to come back in time to kill Czarnota. And since I'm from your future, you should defer to me."

I knew there was no reasoning with me. Besides, I was terribly confused. I had always wondered what it would be like to fight myself. I guess I was about to find out.

I swung a powerhouse right at my double. At exactly the same moment, he threw one at me.

Our fists collided in mid-air.

"Ouch!" we both yelled, shaking our fists in pain.

We circled each other warily. I saw an opening and my foot shot out. Unfortunately, his foot shot out at exactly the same moment. We kicked each other in the shins.

"Aaargh!"

As we continued to maim ourself, I had an idea.

"Look behind you," both me and my double shouted simultaneously. I looked back and he hit me over the

head. I slumped to the floor, stunned.

"I can't believe I fell for that," my double said.

I sat on the floor, unable to clear my head. Suddenly, the office door opened and in walked Paul Czarnota, his face red. He walked to the computer, switched it on and began typing, to my dread. I watched in horror as my double filled him full of lead. "Oh my gosh, it's you," Paul said. Once again, Czarnota was dead.

There was a flash and I was back in legal research. I had failed.

All cases must come to an end and so must this one. When I arrived back at the time machine, Dean Brenda was waiting for me. She convinced me that the law school was better off without Czarnota, that a scandal could result in shutting the school down.

I told her I couldn't be bought. Then, she offered me a 4.0 GPA if I would go back in time to kill Czarnota and keep myself from stopping me.

As I stepped into the time machine once again, I considered the gravity of what I was about to do. I was about to go back in time and start the whole chain of events over again. I smiled a wicked smile.

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NCAA Contest Standings Update

By James S. Johnson

The sun rose, the sun set. The sun rose, the sun set. The sun rose, the sun set. And during all this, some pretty good NCAA tournament basketball games were played over the weekend. If you didn't see them, you probably don't care who won. If you did see them, you don't need me telling you what you already know.

Nuf said. Let's go to the contest standings. People are listed in order of points received thus far. The numbers represent the number of points scored, the number of games correct, the remaining number of points still in the running for, and the total number of points the person can receive (for those unfamiliar with addition).

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Murder at the RG

By Robert L. Jones

Don't Read This.

The next day, I awoke early and headed back to the law school. The investigation had not been going well. So far, there had been two murders, I had gotten slugged over the head, and the killer had escaped me without a trace. On the down side, I realized that no one had offered to pay me for this and I was down to my last fedora.

Having seen on TV that the murderer always returns to the scene of the crime, I decided to stop by the RG office. Maybe the killer would conveniently be there and spare me from having to write any more of this. Unfortunately, I had no such luck; the killer was nowhere to be seen and the office was empty. Even the body of the late Czar had been removed by some hardy soul (wearing noseplugs no doubt).

I sat down in front of the computer where the Czar had been gwokked. Someone had made a chalk outline of the body. They must've used an entire box. The outline of Czarnota's head was clearly identifiable across the keyboard. On a hunch, I turned on the machine.

While I waited for the computer to warm up, I went to the refrigerator for a slug of some rotgut. It was early but I was in a surly mood. I opened the door to a solid block of ice. Cursing, I looked through the office for something with bubbles.

As I looked I couldn't help but wonder what had happened to the Czar's body. I threw open the door to the closet that was called "The Morgue" by the staff. A smiling Czarnota was propped up against the back wall. So that's what they did with the poor sap, I thought.

I couldn't get over the fact that Czarnota had died late at night while sitting at the computer. What could he have been doing? Maybe he had been typing something. I realized in a moment of incredibly obvious lucidity. If he was typing a file, what would he call it?

I looked over the filenames: "Manitsky2/21" "Leftside2/28" "ZickGroceries". Nothing. Just the usual tripe put out by the RG. But then, something caught my eye, a file named GCV6FXBHTTHHHHHHH.

"WHAT THE HECK?" I ASKED MYSELF, before I realized I had left the "caps lock" on.

Then, I noticed that the chalk outline of Czarnota's head on the keyboard encircled a number of keys. Among them were GCV6FXBT and H. I had found the file.

As I called up the last words of Paul S. Czarnota, I

laughed at the oversight of the killer. Whoever it was hadn't bothered to remove the evidence by erasing the file. Obviously, the killer was someone with absolutely no knowledge of computers. Unfortunately, that meant it could be any one of the staff of the newspaper.

The file came up. Its title read "U.S. Congress Debates Cutting Aid to Israel". As I began to read, a slow smile spread across my mug. This was it. Then, I knew who the murderer was.

The blood drained from my face.

Later, I stood on the eighth floor of legal research. I looked around with trepidation and made my way around the stacks of brie and the wine casks. I was in the faculty domain and if I made a wrong move, the security system would cut me down before I could crochet a comforter.

Just then, a gaggle of faculty exited the elevator and headed for the faculty whirlpool. Among them were the two people I wanted to see, Dean Bollinger and Prof. Avery Katz. They had fallen behind the others and began arguing. As I approached, they started in surprise.

"So, Jones, it seems you've managed to go where no student has gone before," said Quayle, I mean Bollinger. "You should've listened to Dean Eklund and dropped this case."

"Who?"

"Dean Eklund. Dean Sue?"

"Oh, you mean Brenda," I said. But I would take no more of this. "Save your threats, dude," I sneered.

"Gesundheit," said Katz.

"Sneered. I said sneered."

"Sorry."

"Yes, I've got the whole scheme figured out. I know the whole sordid story from top to back. Wholly."

"Well, why don't you tell us, Mr. Smartypants," said Bollinger.

I adopted that cool, detective, this-is-my-big-moment stance and began the tale.

"It was actually quite elementary. You see, I discovered that Czarnota had uncovered a very big secret behind the U of M Law School. It seems that this isn't really a law school at all. This entire place is merely a front for the FBI! Of course, the Barristers are merely the unwitting dupes of the FBI and the entire faculty are merely agents of that same institution."

Episode 3: The Third Episode

Their cringes of horror told me I was right. "What tipped me off was the headline of Czarnota's story. He had been writing about U.S. aid to Israel and suddenly it clicked. The aid wasn't going to the country Israel, but to Professor Jerry Israel. And this money wasn't being used for the students but to fund the research of that evil genius in quantum physics, the inventor of the U of M time machine and that man behind you, Professor Avery Katz! A time machine that was to be used to further the evil recruiting purposes of the FBI and kept here, where no meddling students would find it.

"You see, Czarnota had blown your cover and the funding was cut amidst huge scandal. So, you sent some goon back in time to scarf the Czar and keep your secret safe."

"All right Jones, you've got us. What're you going to do?"

"There's only one thing I can do."

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Law in the Raw

By Zick, Welsh, Wisotzkey & Oana

Horton Hears a Tort

The city of Yonkers, N.Y., is turning to an unusual authority in its effort to halt a court-ordered magnet school scheduled to be located in a city park. Concluding their 31-page brief, parks board attorneys urge the federal appeals court in Manhattan to heed the Lorax, from Dr. Seuss's story of the same name: "I speak for the trees, I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues."

The brief asserts that Dr. Seuss is "an authority probably far more respected by all the children of Yonkers, including the minority children sought to be aided by the remedy, than any of the authorities cited by the parties," putting Dr. Seuss ahead of the U.S. Constitution and several Supreme Court decisions.

Wall Street Journal, February 14, 1990

Good News for Horton

California recently passed a law making it a crime to abuse an elephant.

CBS Radio, November, 1989

Tired of the Job Hunt?

Gordon MacKenzie spends his days skipping through the halls of the Hallmark Cards Home Office making sure people don't take themselves too seriously. No, he's not crazy, he's paid. His job description?

"Creative Paradox."

Wall Street Journal, February 14, 1990

Wonder if Professor Pooley has this problem?

What do Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Texas State Treasurer Ann Richards, Arizona Governor Rose Moffard and Montana Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean A. Turnage have in common? They were all listed in the National Directory of Women Elected Officials, published by the National Women's Political Caucus. What sets Justice Turnage apart from the rest? Justice Turnage is male.

"I was occasionally invited to join the sororities in college, but I never had the courage to respond," says the judge named Jean.

The National Law Journal, September 25, 1989

Silly Book Review

Review of our beloved A.W.B. Simpson's book on the history of cannibalism: *Cabin Boy Cutlets: Cannibalism and the Common Law*.

New York Times Literary Supplement, 1984

Thanks to Lisa G!

Silly Lawyer Food

Tired of cabin boy cutlets? Then we have just the food for you: "gummy lawyers," a chewy candy (like

gummy bears) made in the shape of a shark.

This latest culinary dervish is the brainchild of Noto Press, a company specializing in legal self-help books and computer programs.

Each package of lawyers comes with four blue shark shaped candy. Also included is a booklet purporting to explain the similarities between lawyers and sharks. For example: sharks "are equipped with fine senses of smell which allow them to detect minute dilutions of blood" up to a quarter-mile away. This is "precisely the distance a hopeful personal injury lawyer will run behind an ambulance to toss a business card."

Barbara Kate Repa, the author of the booklet and a lawyer herself, said, "We sort of had to do it. Lawyers seemed to be getting more and more sanctimonious. The shark has become the national emblem of the profession for legal consumers."

The "gummy lawyers" are expensive, just like lawyers, running \$9.95 for a package of four with the booklet. Unlike lawyers, they also come with a warning: "Like the real thing, they'll leave a bad taste in your mouth." Repa describes the flavor as "solidified Windex."

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, February 16, 1990

Thanks to our devoted fan, Roy Kiplinger!

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DEAN'S HEAD EXPLODES!



These unidentified Siamese Twins were spotted visting the law quad recently.
See story, page two.

"Job Stress Too Much" says Police Report

By Ima Liar

Shortly before he was to speak to an audience of prospective law students and their parents on Sunday, Law School Dean Lee Bollinger died as his head spontaneously exploded. The crowd of several hundred in Room 100 of Hutchins Hall looked on helplessly as his head first turned red, then expanded rapidly, finally bursting like a balloon as he approached the podium.

The last person to speak with the late Dean was Assistant Dean Cooper. "We were talking about his speech — you know what he was going to say — and then he asked me whether he should start off with a lawyer joke. I said, 'You decide.'" Then he started walking away. The rest was quite

remarkable."

The police have ruled out foul play in the dean's death. Their official investigative report, secretly leaked to the I.G., concluded that the cause of the explosion was stress. "He had so many decisions he had to make every day. Apparently this last one [about the joke] was just too much for him."

Some in the crowd tried to provide assistance, vaining trying to peice the educator back together. But most took the death in stride.

"When you think about it, it was pretty cool, actually, in a sick way. I mean, it just blows my mind!" said a student visiting from the U.C.L.A.

"He ruined my best suit. I feel for the

guy and all, but this is a \$800 suit with dean all over it. I'm suing!" said a student from Northwestern University.

"I am just glad I got here late and had to sit in the back," reported a woman visiting from University of Virginia.

Parents reaction to the disaster was more pronounced. "I had heard about the pressures of law school, but this . . . Maybe I should send my kid to Business school," said one distraught parent.

The Law School is planning a memorial service for the dean on Friday at 11 a.m. in room 150. Classes normally scheduled at that time will be rescheduled. Classes normally held in Room 100 will be relocated until repairs can be completed.



Dean Lee Bollinger
1987-1990

Indi Gestae Staff:

Absolutely Not Paul Czarnota. Really. We're Not Kidding.

Siamese Twins

Dean of Admissions Allan Stillwaggon confided to an *Indi Gestae* staffer that a pair of Siamese twins might be attending the University of Michigan Law School beginning in the fall term of 1990. One twin has accepted an offer, but the other remains on the waiting list.

Dean Stillwaggon requested that the names of the twins remain confidential, but an *IG* investigative reporter managed to contact the pair. "I wanted to go to NYU and my brother wanted to go to UCLA, so we split the difference and settled on Michigan. It would be a bummer if my brother didn't get in. But the Dean says he can still sit in on classes."

Diane Nafranowicz, director of the Lawyers Club, was asked about housing the twins. "We have a general policy against putting relatives together--it's so clique-ish--but we are considering making an exception."

Faculty were concerned about administering exams. "We can't make them leave an empty seat," one professor commented.

Two-Headed Baby Product of Sex in Stacks

"At first it seemed like a miracle baby," remembers Susan Eklund, Dean of Students. "Law students don't usually have sex." After a moment, she added, "Or babies, either, actually. It's a real sign of femaleness, which can be a detriment in older law firms."

Eklund supports the view that the two-headed babe's unsightly deformity is not the fault of the Law School. "According to what we've learned from the doctors involved," Eklund states, "there were indications all along that the mother was taking Comm Trans. She was haggard and wan, showed extreme nervous tension, and engaged in a paranoid flurry of study activity mid-semester, when law students are normally only beginning their reading. She was questioned on several occasions by her physician, but angrily shrugged off the inquiries, saying that the doctor should 'credit [her] with the sense to look after [her] baby's security interests.'"

"Of course," comments the affable Dean of the Law School Lee Bollinger, "I work for the Law School—but this asbestos thing is ridiculous. Firstly, the Law School would never be careless enough to expose itself to that kind of liability. Not that I'm asserting that the Law School is asserting that there is or isn't asbestos in the walls of Legal Research. Nothing I could say should be construed as an authorized statement that the Law School omitted to take any precautions necessary or committed a failure to remove the asbest—uh, or took any steps it should—uh, shouldn't have—uh, we disclaim any responsibility for any such intention."

A spokesperson for the State Bar Association stated that if the mother was at fault, it would not affect her application for the Bar, noting, "The FDA has so far declined to impose controls on Comm Trans despite its proven physical and psychological effects. It occupies a position, in the minds of the regulators, like steroid use in pro wrestling. Comm Trans just bulks up the bookbag, without giving much of a competitive edge professionally. If people want to do this to themselves in search of perfection, that's a good-faith, commercially reasonable judgment."

Meanwhile, fellow law students have lent their support to the baby's parents, and predict a brilliant legal career for the baby. One supporter noted enthusiastically, "Everything the kid writes will probably look like a Supreme Court opinion!"

Bo Knows the Law School

Former Coach Named Replacement Dean

By Copper N. Zink

President James J. Duderstadt Sunday announced that former University of Michigan head football coach Glenn E. "Bo" Schembechler has been named to replace the late Lee Bollinger as Dean of the University of Michigan Law School.

"The Dean's death has left a void that will be difficult to fill. We are hoping that 'Bo' will provide the Law School with the same steady, decisive leadership it came to expect under Lee Bollinger."

Schembechler, who only recently took on the job of President of the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club, agreed to take job after hearing of Dean Bollinger's death.

"What happened was just awful. You gotta feel sorry for the poor bastard. I figured I should do something. And those damned administrator types don't seem too interested in the achedemic side of things anymore, so they've given me a free hand."

Schembechler added, "One thing will be different, I can sure as hell tell you. That number seven stuff in U.S. News is a load of crap. No Michigan team is going to be number seven while I'm around. If I have to kick but from here to China, we're going to do better."

Among his other plans for the Law School are scheduling more eight o'clock classes and adding 7 a.m. classes to the schedule. Schembechler said "I'm putting J.J. [White] in charge of class scheduling."

Schembechler also wants to bring a system of "senior

leadership" to the Law School. "I want those 3L's out of Frazier's Pub and into the library. Just because they are pencil-necked geeks doesn't mean they have to be wimps, too."

Student reaction to Schembechler's appointment has been mixed. Federalist Jerry Pinn was elated. "I think that his conservative attack is something the Law School has needed for a long time." However, the student NLG chapter has been distributing "BO IS A FASCIST" arm-bands since the announcement.

Another student and long-time follower of the bespeckled Bo, John Pangourias, said philosophically, "Well, there goes our chance of beating Harvard in the rankings! Bo can't even beat USC!"

The faculty seemed to take the announcement in stride. "I don't give a damn who the dean is. That is pretty much what tenure is all about," said Professor Krier.

However, when informed that Dean Schembechler thought Miranda was a running back for Ohio State in the mid-70's, Professor Yale Kamisar fell to the ground clutching his chest. University of Michigan Hospital reports that Kamisar remains in stable condition at press time, under restraint and heavily sedated.

Schembechler has no previous experience with the law, but he feels that will not impede his ability to run the Law School. "After all, how many of those runt professors ever even fight a traffic ticket? They're fakin' it -- No Question. And if they can do it, I sure as hell can."

David Duke to Speak at Graduation

The Law School has announced that Louisiana State Legislator David Duke has accepted an invitation to speak at this year's graduation ceremonies. The topic of Duke's speech is scheduled to be "Civil Rights: Winning Through Intimidation."

"We hear that when it comes to the topic of civil rights, he is a real wizard," said Law School spokesperson Anita Job. "We expect his speech to be a real barn-burner."

Law School Alumni Liason Guy White was excited by the announcement. "Most of the alumni are going to love this! Last year's speech by [F.B.I. Director] Sessions was a real success with them. Contributions went through the roof. I understand that so much money came pouring in that the administration even toyed with the idea of holding tuition increases down. With this Duke thing, the donations will be rolling in."

Eisenberg to have the King's Baby

Professor Rebecca Eisenberg has revealed that the father of the baby she is carrying is none other than long-time Michigan resident Elvis Presley.

"Yeah, it's his, alright."

Eisenberg went on to say that she met the King while he was working at a Burger King in Kalamazoo. "I just went in for some fries. I guess I got more than I bargained for."

Eisenberg would not reveal the present location of the King other than to say that he is still in Michigan, and still working in the fast food industry.

"I plan to have my child copyrighted. I figure anything created by Elvis has to have some protectable value."

Class Offerings to be Reduced

The Law School has announced plans to gradually reduce the number of classes offered, with the ultimate goal of completely eliminating second and third year classes. "We'll still charge tuition. But the faculty all agreed that classes are just a waste of their time, and that students will learn everything that they need to know in a bar review course," said Law School spokesperson Anita Job.

Job explained that the plan had actually been in place for several years. "This has been the first year that students actually started to notice how limited our course offerings were becoming. Our idea was to keep cutting courses offered a section at a time and hope nobody noticed."

"This plan will finally provide students with the time needed to interview for summer jobs and judicial clerkships," added Placement Director Nancy Krieger. "In the long run, those are the only things of importance that students do while at Michigan."

I.G. Sold to Rupert Murdock

The *Indi Gestae* has announced that it was purchased by Publishing Magnate Rupert Murdock. Today's issue marks the first published since the sale.

"Normally student papers aren't for sale," said former Editor Paul Czarnota. "But they offered us so much money that we can all be in pizza for years to come."

"Mr. Murdock has assured all involved that he does not plan on changing the high journalistic standards that the *I.G.* has always been known for," said acting Editor-In-Chief Ima Hack.

Hack added that readers may notice some minor format changes, but says that the substance of the paper remains unchanged.